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FROM USDEL MAPUTO

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SUBJECT: TALKS WITH NUJOMA

REF: MAPUTO 578 (NOTAL, MAPUTO 580)

1. SWAPO

PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA HAS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT FOR THE
CONTACT GROUP TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR A SOLUTION TO THE
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NAMIBIAN PRLBLEM. HOWEVER, SOME OF THE CONDITIONS HE
LAID DOWN IN TALKS WITH US AND OTHERS (REFTELS) HIGHLIGHT
THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD FOR THE CONTACT GROUP IN
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

2. SWAPO'S INSISTENCE ON KEY ROLE FOR THE COUNCIL FOR
NAMIBIA CONFLICTS WITH SAG UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE

DEALING ONLY WITH REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY WALDHEIM AND SUPPORTED BY STAFF DRAWN FROM UN SECRETARIAT. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE A STRONG AVERSION TO THE COUNCIL AND WILL BALK AT ITS INCLUSION IN PROCESS LEADING TOWARD NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. MOREOVER, THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE LIKELY TO ACCUSE THE CONTACT GROUP OF HAVING ACTED IN BAD FAITH BY HAVING IMPLIED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE DEALT OUT.

3. NUJOMA HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT SWAPO WANTS WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY FORCES TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE ELECTIONS. AND HE HAS RAISED THE NEED FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN NAMIBIA. THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE AGREED ONLY TO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE UN IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. THEY DO NOT WANT THE UN TO TAKE ANY OTHER PART, INCLUDING PEACEKEEPING, IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY.

4. IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH US, NUJOMA SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO MEETINGS BETWEEN THE CONTACT GROUP AND TURNHALLE REPRESENTATIVES, AS LONG AS THE CONTACT GROUP DOES NOT GO TO WINDHOEK AGAIN. IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE CONTACT GROUP TALKED TO TURNHALLE PEOPLE IN CAPE TOWN.

5. NEVERTHELESS, HE REGARDS TURNHALLE AS A PUPPET ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THIS, IF, AS EXPECTED, THE "CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY" HAS SOME FLAVOR OF TURNHALLE, NUJOMA IS LIKELY TO DENOUNCE IT AS A DEVICE FOR PERPETUATING WHITE CONTROL OF NAMIBIA AND TO PRESS FOR UN ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY BEFORE ELECTIONS.

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6. COMMENT: IN GENERAL, REACTION OF AFRICAN DELEGATION REGARDING WESTERN INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. IN TALKING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK, FRENCH, GERMAN AND CANADIAN DELEGATIONS, WE FIND AGREEMENT THAT THE CONTACT GROUP SHOULD MEET AGAIN IN NEW YORK AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO WORK OUT NEXT STEPS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE TACTICS FOR, AND TIME AND PLACE OF, NEXT MEETING BETWEEN THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.
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